MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FORTY-SIXTH DAY

Saturday, 7th September 1963.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA, B.A.; B.L.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

(to which oral answers were given)

Steps taken by Government to minimise the Consumption of Power on Superfluities.

*Q.—348. Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Electricity Board has not enough materials for meeting the demands of the agriculturists for main lines, for spur lines, for servicing to the individual points of the pumpsets ;

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government proposes to take or persuade the Board to take such steps to find all the material necessary ;

(*c*) what are the steps taken by the Government to minimise the consumption of power on superfluities like Neon Lights, for advertisement or needless flood lighting or such other easy uses of power ;

(*d*) what will be the approximate quantity of power that is saved if these steps are taken ;

(*e*) is the Government aware that power consumption in several of the Government Buildings is needlessly extra and can be cut down ;

(*f*) whether the Government examine the position immediately and take steps to save the power and divert it for agricultural production ?

*A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) There is a dearth of requisite materials in the country for arranging power supply to I. P. Sets because of the large demand for such materials. Moreover, consequent to the drive for intensifying power supply to I.P. Sets in the State, large quantities of materials are required.

(SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA)

(*b*) The Board have already taken steps to place bulk orders for supply of the materials required for servicing the I. P. Sets on top priority basis.

(*c*) The Government have prohibited the use of electrical energy for the purpose of advertisement, commercial or otherwise, and exterior illuminations including Neon-signs and flood lights.

(*d*) About 500 Kws.

(*e*) No

(*f*) The various measures taken are as follows:—

(i) Weekly holidays for different Groups of H. T. Consumers have been declared on different days of the week,

(ii) Power supply has been cut to H.T. installations during peak hours between 6 P.M. and 9 P.M.,

(iii) Staggering of power supply in rural areas for L. T. and medium consumers has been introduced. These and other measures taken already have helped to secure the equitable distribution of available electrical energy.

Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL.—May I know the date on which the Electricity Board placed bulk orders for supply of materials and I. P. Sets and whether they have been received in time and if not the extent of delay ?

†**Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.**—It is very difficult to say that. Every attempt is being made to get them as early as possible and as large a quantity as possible.

Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL.—Are the Government aware that inspite of much advertisement and much talk of liberal scheme of supply of electricity, rural electrification is not done at all as required by the Government ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am sorry, my friend is exaggerating the problem by saying that nothing is being done. I think during the last one year much more has been done than what has been done during the last five years. Unfortunately, the limiting factors are want of necessary materials and immediately they are forthcoming, we are extending it. Now this year, we have in view to extend 6000 miles of power lines.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—It is not a fact that due to failure of supply of electricity to irrigation wells, the machinery is lying idle ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Some of the pumpsets are idle;

Extent of Reserve Forest and Revenue Forest Land in South Kanara District.

*Q.—367. **Sri S. SUBBAYYA NAIK** (Sullia).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent of Reserve Forest and Revenue Forest land in South Kanara District (Talukwise figures may be furnished) ;

†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerend